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SUBJECT: SAUDI REACTION TO NEW U.S. PROPOSALS IN PREPCON

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1. THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED TODAY (MAY 31 WITH SAUDI CROWN PRINCE FAHD AND AHMED ZAKI YAMANI, SAUDI MINISTER OF PETROLEUM, THE NEW U.S. VIEWS AND PROPOSALS ON THE PREPARATORY CONFERENCE OF ENERGY PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS, AS OUTLINED IN THE SECRETARY'S SPEECHES AND REFTELS.

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2. FAHD WAS PLEASED BUT DEFERRED TO YAMANI FOR DETAILED COMMENT.

3. YAMANI SAID HE WAS "IMMENSELY GRATIFIED."

HE THOUGHT OUR POSITION WAS NOW VERY CLOSE TO THE SAUDI POSITION. THERE WERE ONLY A FEW "MINOR" SUGGESTIONS HE WISHED TO MAKE. AND HE WAS SURE HE COULD BRING ALONG ALL THE OTHER PRODUCERS.

4. THE PREPCON, HE THOUGHT, SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ACTUALLY FORM THE VARIOUS COMMITTEES; IT SHOULD ONLY DECIDE ON MEMBERSHIP OF THE FULL CONFERENCE AND DRAW UP THE CONFERENCE AGENDA, INCLUDING WHICH COMMITTEES WOULD BE FORMED. THE INITIAL FULL CONFERENCE COULD THEN BE VERY SHORT. IT NEED DO LITTLE MORE THAN FORM THE COMMITTEES AND CHARGE THEM WITH THEIR TASKS. THE FULL CONFERENCE COULD MEET AGAIN LATER TO GET THE COMMITTEE REPORTS AND DISCUSS FURTHER ACTION.

5. ONE COMMITTEE (OR COMMISSION) SHOULD BE ON "MONEY AND FINANCE." HE ASSUMED THAT WE INTENDED TO INCLUDE THIS IN THE "OTHER" COMMITTEES TO WHICH THE SECRETARY HAD REFERRED.

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